

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) secured \$750,000 today for Dubuque's Historic Millwork District. The money will be used to renovate and create affordable new workforce housing. The funding was included in the 2011 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

"This funding is crucial to Dubuque's growth and development," Braley said. "As our country makes its way toward a full economic recovery, Dubuque is leading the way in job creation. Dubuque's economy is rapidly expanding and it's critical that we invest in affordable housing for middle-class families so that local business owners can retain their workforce and remain competitive."

Studies conducted in 2009 identified a shortage of 500-700 downtown living units in Dubuque. That shortage has only increased, making this redevelopment project critical to the city's development. The plans for the Historic Millwork District call for more than 700 housing units and 300,000 square feet of retail/commercial area to be created in underutilized historic buildings.